Title: Requested the Government to look into the matter of reducing and desanctioning the post of a Deputy Chief Engineer in Kerala by the Southern Railways authorities.

SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN (ALLEPPEY): Mr. Deputy-Speaker, those Members who do not use muscle or lung power should also be allowed to speak. This is a very sorry state of affairs that we have been waiting here for quite a long time. Sir, you have to protect the interests of all the Members and not of only those who speak in a louder voice.

Sir, I am raising a very important issue regarding Kerala. It is yet another instance of injustice done to Kerala by the Railway Authorities. The Deputy-Chief Engineer"s post being operated at Ernakulam is reduced to the post of Executive Engineer and a post of Deputy-Chief Engineer at Muvattapuzha and another at Palghat were desanctioned. The Chief Engineer"s post which was sanctioned in 1991 was later cancelled. On the contrary, there are six posts of Chief Engineer at Chennai and three at Bangalore, but in Kerala there is no Chief Engineer.

Sir, all this will lead to non-implementation and non-utilisation of Budget grants allotted for the State and the unspent money will be diverted outside the State. This is happening for the past so many years. Sir, I strongly feel that some vested interests in Southern Railway are behind this foul play. Therefore, I request the Government to look into the matter and take appropriate steps to see that justice is done to Kerala in this matter.

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (MUVATTUPUZHA): Sir, we support Shri Sudheeran in this regard.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (ADOOR): I also support Shri Sudheeran...(*Interruptions*)

* Not Recorded.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: All right, all of them are associating with this subject.

Shri Haribhau Shankar Mahale, please.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Sir, my name is also there in the list...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Once you have already taken up the matter, at the end I will try to give you a chance.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH: Sir, it is a very important matter...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: All issues are important.

...(*Interruptions*)

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Please do not interrupt now. At the end I will accommodate you.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH : Please allow me, Sir.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Not now. I have called Shri Mahale.